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In the application of:

Mario ASSENMACHER et al.

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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 16, 2000 (Paper No. 10), for which a response was due on November 16, 2000. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response from November 16, 2000 to February 16, 2001. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Applicants have given careful consideration to the issues raised in the outstanding Office Action, and present the following Amendments and Remarks in response. Reconsideration and allowance of